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7. (Amended) An electromagnetic wave absorber, wherein said composite magnetic particles described in any one of claim 1 to claim 4 are dispersed in a material having an electric resistivity higher than an electric resistivity of said composite magnetic particles.

14. (Amended) A electromagnetic wave absorber according to any one of claims 1 to 4, 12 and 13, wherein a volume ratio of said ceramic to the composite magnetic particle is 10 to 75 %, and said ceramic is embedded in said magnetic metal grains.

15. (Amended) A electromagnetic wave absorber according to any one of claims 1 to 4, and 12 and 13, wherein an average crystal grain size of said composite magnetic particle is smaller than 50 nm.

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16. (Amended) A electromagnetic wave absorber according to any one of claims 1 to 4, 12 and 13, wherein the surface of said composite magnetic particle is coated with a material having an electric resistivity higher than an electric resistivity of said composite magnetic particle.

17. (Amended) A electromagnetic wave absorber according to any one of claims 1 to 4, 12 and 13, wherein said composite magnetic particle has an aspect ratio larger than 2, and has an oblate shape.

18. (Amended) A electromagnetic wave absorber according to any one of claims 1 to 4, 12 and 13, wherein said composite magnetic particles are uniformly dispersed in said material having the high electric resistivity.

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19. (Amended) A electromagnetic wave absorber according to any one of claims 1 to 4, 12 and 13, wherein (said oblate composite magnetic particles) are oriented in one direction in said material having the high electric resistivity.

20. (Amended) A electromagnetic wave absorber according to any one of claims 12 and 13, wherein said material having the high electric resistivity is a polymer material or a ceramic sintered material.

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